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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11-15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Iwata and Galloway.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Clarification of 102 versus 103 rejections, clarification of finite element calculation, teachings of Iwata of increase in thickness where increase in stress is calculated, and the possibility of 101 rejections for claims 1 and 5. Examiner will reconsider arguments and amendments after officially submitted.

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